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Ms. Maureen Benitz
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Reference: C00027466
July Monthly Report (6/1/04-6/30/04)

Dear Ms. Benitz:

A) Your letter indicates that the NRSC has not fully disclosed all of its earmarking activity on the July Monthly Report. The NRSC collected earmarked contributions for Bill Jones, Jack Ryan, Jim DeMint and the eventual winner of the Wisconsin primary that was held on September 14, 2004. The NRSC reported all of the earmarked contributions that it received during the month of June. Those receipts came in at different times in the month, so it is likely that a receipt on Schedule A for Bill Jones, Jack Ryan or Jim DeMint that is dated 6/21/04 and beyond might not appear on a Schedule B for that report. It will be contained on the report covering the month of July. If you are looking for the disbursement of earmarked contributions that were collected on behalf of the eventual winner of the Wisconsin primary, you should know that the transmittal of those earmarked receipts would not begin until September 15, 2004 as the timing requirements are not triggered until the presumptive nominee is chosen. The NRSC relied on AO 2003-23 for guidance. It is our sincere hope that you have been applying the timing requirements referenced in AO 2003-23 to our earmarking activities. In addition, if you are looking at earmarked contributions that were transmitted on Schedule B before 6/11/04, and you do not see their counterparts on Schedule A, then you will find the original receipts on the report covering the month of May. Your letter does not reference any specific entries on Schedule A and B that appear to be missing, so we feel that our answer should suffice for your general question.

B) The NRSC reported an offset to an operating expenditure from "Cipriani Fifth Avenue, LLC". The original disbursement to that vendor occurred on 5/27/03. There is no need to amend any prior reports.

C) The NRSC has not disbursed any earmarked contributions outside the permissible time period. Once again, your letter does not make any specific reference to earmarked contributions that did not adhere to the timing requirements.

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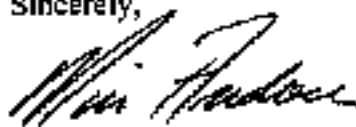
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Sincerely,



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